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# *Director's* National Recreation Forum 2004



January 27-30, 2004  
Las Vegas, Nevada

## Welcome to the BLM National Recreation Forum!

We convene this forum at a time of phenomenal change in the patterns of public land use. Americans have discovered their public lands, and they are enjoying them – in numbers that are growing exponentially, and in ways that span an incredible diversity of interests and experiences.

This is also a time of extraordinary challenge for those who manage the public lands, for the local “gateway” communities that are impacted by public land activities, for the recreation industry, and for countless other partners, customers and stakeholders.

Our challenge is to provide access to the public lands and to ensure quality recreational experiences and benefits for growing numbers of public land users. We must do so in balance with the many other uses and activities on these lands that serve the interests of the public and the needs of our nation.

In the BLM we know that we cannot accomplish this alone. We know that the best solutions will be found in open and frank discussions among many interests, particularly those who are closest to the land and to the issues that are emerging on the land.

As we strive to provide effective management of our recreation program, for now and for the future, we will rely increasingly on the support and active participation of partners such as you.

On behalf of all of us in the BLM, thank you for your contribution to the success of this forum.

~ Kathleen Clarke

### Tuesday, January 27

- 1-5 p.m.** Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (optional tour)
- 6:30 p.m.** BLM Director's Reception

### Wednesday, January 28

- 8 a.m.** Welcome and Introductions
- ⊗ Bob Abbey, BLM-Nevada State Director
  - ⊗ Bruce Bommarito, Executive Director, Nevada Commission on Tourism
- ≈ Overview of BLM Mission and Programs: the State of Recreation in BLM
- ⊗ BLM Director Kathleen Clarke
- ≈ The Changing West: The Value of Public Lands
- ⊗ Ray Rasker, Sonoran Institute
- ≈ BLM's National Recreation Role
- ⊗ Glenn Haas, Colorado State University
- ≈ Panel Discussion:
- ⊗ Lyle Lavery, Colorado State Parks and Recreation
  - ⊗ Todd Davidson, Western States Tourism Policy Council
  - ⊗ Margaret Bailey, Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP
  - ⊗ Mike Pool, BLM-California State Director
- ≈ Concurrent listening sessions
- ≈ Develop guiding principles for future of BLM recreation

### Thursday, January 29

- 8 a.m.** Participant Discussion:
- What We Want BLM Recreation to Look Like in the Future
- ⊗ Report out and large group discussion
  - ⊗ Recommended next steps

### Friday, January 30

- 8 a.m.** Summary Statement: Future of BLM Recreation
- 12 noon** Forum Closes

